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SUBJ: LEBANESE FRONT POLITICAL POSITION ON CRISIS

1. NEWSWEEK CORRESPONDENT WILLIAM BRANNIGIN JULY 7 SAW ALL THREE CHAMOONS TOGETHER AT MAUDE FARAJALLAH'S HOUSE. HE TOLD EMBOFF LATER THAT CAMILLE CHAMOUN HAD SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY NO COMPROMISES WITH THE SYRIANS ON QUESTION OF ADF DEPLOYMENT THROUGHOUT EAST BEIRUT. SYRIANS MUST LEAVE. (REUTERS CORRESPONDENT HAS PUBLISHED SIMILAR REPORT.)

2. BRANNIGIN SAID HE HAD IMPRESSION THAT CHAMOONS WERE "VERY COCKY" ABOUT THE SITUATION. THEY HAD INTERPRETED SARKIS' THREAT TO RESIGN AS A FORM OF PRESSURE, USEFUL TO THEM, ON THE SYRIANS. FURTHERMORE, THEY WERE COMPLETELY CONFIDENT THAT THE ISRAELIS WOULD HELP THEM OUT AS WELL.

3. COMMENT: STORY THAT CHAMOONS ARE BEING INTRANSIGENT, BASED SUBSTANTIALLY ON ASSUMPTION OF ISRAELI SUPPORT, SUPPORTS VIEW THAT RECENT ISRAELI ACTIONS INCREASE RATHER THAN DECREASE CHANCES OF ANOTHER BLOWUP.

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